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SUBJECT: PREPARATION FOR ITU LF/MF BROADCASTING
CONFERENCE.

SUMMARY: US/FRG REPS MET IN BONN OCTOBER 1 TO DISCUSS
UPCOMING ITU LF/MF CONFERENCE. ATMOSPHERE OF MEETING
WAS CORDIAL AND COOPERATIVE. AGREEMENT
REACHED ON GENERAL APPROACH TO BE TAKEN AT CONFERENCE.
AFN FREQUENCY ALLOCATION PROBLEMS WERE ALSO DISCUSSED.

1. US AND FRG REPS MET IN BONN OCTOBER 1 TO DISCUSS
UPCOMING LF/MF CONFERENCE.
US REPS INCLUDED HUFFCUTT - STATE; JACOBS - USIA/VOA;
LEINWALL-FRE; LT COL MCBRIDE; MAJ. SWEARENGEN AND MR.
MORTENSEN - AFN; BLUCKER - USMISSION BERLIN;
AND MR. MACUK, EMBASSY. SPRIT OF MEETING
WAS CORDIAL AND COOPERATIVE. OVERALL VIEWS OF BOTH
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PARTIES WERE CLOSE. AGREEMENT REACHED THAT:

(A) EVERY EFFORT BE MADE TO KEEP FIRST SESSION OF CONFERENCE TECHNICAL AND NON-POLITICAL.

(B) FRG WOULD PURSUE EBU APPROACH AT CONFERENCE.

(WE AGREED TO THIS CONSIDERING IT TO BE IN OUR BEST INTEREST.)

(C) WHEN CONCLUSIONS OF FIRST SESSION ARE KNOWN, US AND FRG WILL BE ABLE TO ASSESS STEPS NECESSARY TO BE TAKEN PRIOR TO SECOND SESSION IN 1975. WE ANTICIPATE US AND FRG WILL HOLD ONE OR TWO MEETINGS EARLY IN 1975 TO SORT OUT TECHNICAL AND POLITICAL PROBLEMS WHICH MAY ARISE AS A RESULT OF RECOMMENDATIONS MADE BY THE FIRST SESSION OF THE LF/MF CONFERENCE, PARTICULARLY THE RELATIVE ORDER OF PRIORITIES FOR FREQUENCY REQUIREMENTS TO BE SUBMITTED TO 1975 CONFERENCE.

2. FONOFF REP EXPRESSED CONCERN THAT US NOT ATTENDING FIRST SESSION OF CONFERENCE IN OFFICIAL OBSERVER STATUS. WE POINTED OUT OUR BELIEF THAT IT WOULD NOT BE IN THE BEST INTEREST OF THE US-FRG, AND FOR THE SUCCESS OF THE CONFERENCE FOR US TO PARTICIPATE AS OBSERVERS, BUT HAVE INSTEAD ASSIGNED R. PROHME (TELATT, GENEVA) TO MONITOR AND REPORT ON CONFERENCE PROCEEDINGS AND TO ACT AS POINT OF CONTACT FOR FRG DELEGATION.

3. WE ASSURED FONMIN REP THAT US REPS MONITORING CONFERENCE (TELATT, ASSISTANT TELATT, BACKED UP BY POL COUNSELOR GENEVA) WILL BE COMPETENT TO GIVE APPROPRIATE TREATMENT TO POLITICAL ISSUES THAT MIGHT ARISE.

4. FONOFF REP RAISED QUESTION CONCERNING POSSIBLE USE OF US INFLUENCE WITH OTHER COUNTRIES TO GAIN SUPPORT FOR FRG/EBU TECHNICAL STANDARDS IF NEED SHOULD ARISE. WE ASSURED FRG THAT UPON THEIR REQUEST SUCH MATTERS WOULD BE GIVEN APPROPRIATE ACTION (BY US MISSION, GENEVA, OR DEPT AS CASE MAY WARRANT) AS WE BELIEVE THE STANDARDS PROPOSED BY FRG/EBU TO BE IN BEST INTEREST OF USG.

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5. DURING REVIEW OF FREQUENCIES OF INTEREST TO US IN GERMANY, FRG REP NOTED THAT CERTAIN FREQUENCIES HAVE NOT YET BEEN REGISTERED WITH ITU, I.E., RIAS 737, RIAS 854 AND VOA 173KHZ. FRG REP STRESSED IMPORTANCE OF REGISTRATION IF US INTENDS THAT FRG EVENTUALLY INCLUDE THESE FREQUENCIES IN THE REQUIREMENTS SUBMITTED TO THE SECOND SESSION OF THE CONFERENCE IN 1975. US REPS STATED THAT RIAS FREQUENCIES WILL BE REGISTERED SHORTLY, BUT THAT MATTER OF 173KHZ CANNOT BE DECIDED UNTIL WE HAVE BETTER INDICATION OF SOVIET INTENTIONS IN REGARD TO 1196 KHZ.

6. WE BRIEFED FRG ON STATUS OF SOVIET INTERFERENCE ON 1196 KHZ AND US COMPLAINT TO ITU, POINTING OUT THAT A DIPLOMATIC PROTEST IS BEING CONSIDERED IF
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SOVIETS DO NOT REACT FAVORABLY TO THE LETTER FROM ITU.
WE NOTED THAT IF PROBLEM OF 1196KHZ NOT RESOLVED

FAVORABLY, WE WOULD HOPE FOR A SUITABLE REPLACEMENT
FREQUENCY. FRG REPS TOOK NOTE OF OUR REMARKS WITHOUT
COMMENT.

7. IN REGARD TO AFN INTERFERENCE TO SARAJEVO ON
611KHZ, US REPS INFORMED FRG OF CURRENT EFFORTS TO
ENLIST YUGOSLAVS IN PURPOSED POWER REDUCTION TEST
PROGRAM. HEAD OF FRG DELEGATION, KUPPER, AGREED THAT IF
YUGOSLAVS RAISED MATTER OF 611KHZ IN GENEVA, FRG WILL
SUPPORT US POSITION, I.E., THAT ONCE INTERFERENCE
PROBLEM IS RESOLVED THERE WILL BE NO BASIS FOR YUGOSLAV
INSISTENCE THAT AFN VACATE 611KHZ.

8. COMMENT: WE WISH TO EMPHASIZE ATMOSPHERE OF
COOPERATION, CORDIALITY AND CANDOR IN WHICH DISCUSSIONS
WERE CONDUCTED. DISCUSSIONS MADE CLEAR THE NEED FOR
CONTINUED CLOSE COORDINATION AT GENEVA BETWEEN US
AND FRG REPS. HEAD OF FRG DELEGATION, DR. JOHANNES
KUPPER, WILL ARRIVE GENEVA EVENING OF OCTOBER 4 AND
WILL STAY AT HOTEL DE POST. FOR GENEVA: EARLY
CONTACT WITH DR. KUPPER IS REQUESTED.
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